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ORAL IMMUNOLOGY

USING PLANT PRODUCT

CONTAINING HEPATITIS

SURFACE ANTIGEN

Registration No. 25,330

AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Action of April 11, 2000, please amend as follows:

In The Claim

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended)

A method for providing a serum IgM and IgG [an immune] response specific to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), in an animal [made immunoreceptive to HBsAg,] by feeding the [immunoreceptive] animal with a substance comprising a physiologically acceptable plant material containing hepatitis B surface antigen in combination with an adjuvant, said combination causing serum IgM and IgG responses specific to HBsAg in excess of serum IgM and IgG responses specific to HBsAg caused by HBsAg alone.